

**LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE  
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

**Thursday, September 18, 2003**

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Maria Alegria, City of Pinole  
Council Member Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, San Mateo County  
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, Solano County  
Mayor Julia Miller, City of Sunnyvale  
Council Member Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa  
Mayor Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek  
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro

*Also Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha—ABAG  
Alex Amoroso—ABAG  
John Russo—President of the League of California Cities and Oakland City Attorney

**1. Introductions:** Committee Chair, Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, opened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

**2. Minutes:** July 17, 2003, minutes were approved, after a quorum was established.

**3. Regarding State Budget Impact on Local Government and Budget Reform Initiatives:**

John Russo, President of The League of California Cities (LCC) and Oakland City Attorney, gave an overview of the state budget impact on local governments and the unsuccessful strategies used in the past to remedy the state confiscation of local government revenues and resources.

**Motion/ACTION:** The Committee unanimously recommended that the Executive Board support the League's Resolution sponsoring a statewide ballot initiative for limiting state government ability to confiscate local tax funds. The Committee also recommended that ABAG member city councils and Boards of Supervisors review and adopt similar resolutions, and that this Resolution be presented for approval to ABAG membership at the annual ABAG Business Meeting, the Spring General Assembly.

**4. Update on The Inter-Regional Partnership (IRP)**

Alex Amoroso, ABAG Principal Planner and IRP Project Manager, reported on the IRP process. ABAG participates in three Inter-Regional partnerships with six counties (San Joaquin and Stanislaus; Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey; and Lake and Mendocino) that touch the Bay Area. He noted that the IRP Bill, SB 639 (Torlakson) had been sent to the Governor's desk for signature. This bill extends the sunset provisions of the IRP State Pilot Project to 2008, and the interim report requirement to July 2004.

There is concern that there is no funding attached: but the ongoing goal is to support the efforts being made within the partnerships and collaborate on as many projects as feasible that address inter-regional traffic, jobs/housing balance, and economic development.

**5. Status Review of Bills in 2003 Legislative Session**

A status update of bills previously considered by L&GO during the 2003 Legislative session was given. Three bills considered by the Committee have been signed by the Governor and chaptered: these included SB 1 Financial Institutions and Non public Personal Information, SB 196 on the Municipal/County Elected Official membership on the Regional Water Quality Control Board, AB 332 on the Airports Land Use Commission.

Six other bills have been enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature: they address housing elements, seismic safety retrofitting, relocation of auto dealerships and big box retailers, the IRP state project, and land use authority.

**6. Update on ABAG-MTC Task Force Discussions of Comprehensive Regional Planning**

ABAG President Gwen Regalia discussed the two Task Force meetings and the September 17<sup>th</sup> public hearing. Gwen noted the positive steps being made by the Task Force and their mutual agreement to move forward to do a better job of planning. She said that public comment was thoughtful and indicated that they expected the agencies to identify the best ways possible to enable comprehensive regional planning. The Task Force at their September 19th meeting will be examining other regional agencies that deal with similar regional issues, but use different structures.

**Handouts distributed at meeting included:**

- Summaries of positions on Proposition 53 (California Future's Initiative on infrastructure funding) and 54 (the Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin Initiative)
- One page summary of the status of bills considered by L&GO in 2003 Legislative Session
- Resolution from League of California Cities about sponsoring a ballot measure to protect local revenues and limit state takeaways

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

***Next Meeting: November 20, 2003, 3:30 - 5 p.m., MetroCenter, ABAG Conference Room B***